

106.1126 DT/Gibson

New Brunswick, N. J.
September 28th, 1926.

Re: Jane Gibson story.

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Dear Sir:-

On Friday, September 24th, I interviewed Ellen B. Welsh of 6 Spring Street, New Brunswick, N. J. at the office of her attorney, F. M. Ritchie, 1 Elm Row. Mrs. Welsh informed me that shortly after Mrs. Gibson's story first came out, a man named O'Connell who was reporting for the New York Herald was endeavoring to obtain an interview with Jane Gibson and other people living in DeRussey's Lane near the Phillip's Farm. Being unable to do so she was employed to accompany him.

She first interviewed Mrs. Gibson. Mrs. Gibson told about what she blaimed to have seen on the night of the murder. In describing Mrs. Gibson's actions at the time, she said that Mrs. Gibson put her in mind of the old days when her grandmother used to tell her fairy tales and draw upon her imagination to supply the ~~xxxxxx~~ details. In other words, she was under the impression that Mrs. Gibson was drawing upon her own imagination.

After talking with Mrs. Gibson, she called upon Mrs. Fraley. In endeavoring to find out what Mrs. Fraley might know of the events on the night of the murder, she referred to the fact that Mrs. Gibson claimed to have been in DeRussey's Lane and to know the facts surrounding the murder. Thereupon, Mrs. Fraley said positively that Mrs. Gibson was not on the Phillip's Farm on the night of the murder. She then pressed to learned on what Mrs. Fraley based her statement, but Mrs. Fraley would not go into details.

Mrs. Welsh said that if we would refer to the New York Herald around the time of the finding of the bodies or as I should say, at the time Mrs. Gibson's story first came out, we would find a full account of her interview with these two women.

She further said that O'Connell was with her, but remained outside of the houses while the interviews took place. Further that they went out in a taxi and O'Connell would probably remember who was driving at the time.

She stated that she had been to Somerville for questioning and had told the prosecutor's men the same as she stated to me. She also referred to the fact that Simpson was giving warning that the State's witnesses were not to be questioned by anyone representing the defence. In